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NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES**

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed May 22, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This Reply includes:

- Amendments** to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments** to the Sequence Listing begin on page 3 of this paper.
- Amendments** to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.
- An **Appendix** including the paper and CRF disk copy of the Sequence Listing is attached following page 5 of this paper.